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Off-Peak Delivery Incentive Started

Mayor Michael D. Antonovich, Chair, introduced a motion recently before the Board of Supervisors to establish an off-peak delivery incentive policy for all County facilities. The motion was adopted by Board members late last year.

"We need to do more to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution," said Mayor Antonovich.

"During peak driving time on any given day, trucks and other vehicles travel hundreds of miles throughout the County to deliver goods and services," said the Mayor. "These deliveries contribute to our congested highways, and idling trucks waste precious gallons of fuel while producing smog-forming, carcinogenic emissions," he said.

The action by the Board of Supervisors follows action taken earlier by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which awards additional contract points to bidders who pledged off-peak deliveries.



Photo by Henry Salazar

Mayor Michael D. Antonovich, left, Board Chair, and Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen present Hurricane Katrina relief fund checks, in the amount of \$75,000 each, to representatives of the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. Accepting the funds donated by active and retired County employees are, from left, Jill Valenti, American Red Cross, Capt. John Stennett, Salvation Army, and Roger Dickson, American Red Cross.

County Plans 2006 March of Dimes WalkAmerica; "Blue Jeans for Babies" Day Set

"Working Together, Walking Together" is the theme of the County's 2006 March of Dimes WalkAmerica campaign, which formally kicks off in mid-February with a training session for departmental coordinators, followed by the Executive Breakfast at the Music Center.

County departmental coordinators are encouraged to signup fellow employees to participate in WalkAmerica on Saturday, April 29, 2006, 8:00 a.m. at Griffith Park. A County team photo, for inclusion in the Workplace Connection

newsletter, will be taken at 7:30 a.m.

"Our March of Dimes WalkAmerica team is committed to doing its share to help stamp out premature births," said Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen. "This year we are looking forward to re-claiming the Top Public Sector Trophy," which the city of Los Angeles earned.

There will be three key fundraisers for the campaign—"County Night with the L.A. Clippers" on Friday, April 7, 7 p.m.; "County Day at Dodger Stadium" on Sunday, April 23, 1:00 p.m. and "Blue Jeans for Babies" Day on Wednesday, May 31, 2006.

For more information, please contact your department coordinator or Ana Gaona, County March of Dimes WalkAmerica team coordinator at (213) 974-2466.

County Merchandise Available Online

Are you looking for a nice, retirement gift for your fellow employee? Do you have family members and friends who would like a County polo or t-shirt, business card holder or a special beanbag bear?

Visit <http://cao.co.la.ca.us/workplace/marketing.htm> and click on County Merchandise. Shop day or night and then mail your form with check to the CAO Workplace Programs Office.



ETC Spotlight

A Tribute to Dorothy Mosley



Dorothy Mosley

“A clean air hello,”
“Have you tried ridesharing?,”
“There is a solution to your traffic congestion problems!,” “You could finish that

favorite book faster if you carpooled to work” and “Clean air is everybody’s business.”

Most County employees who work in the Civic Center/Downtown area have heard one or more of the above mentioned phrases, and have seen the monthly “Clean Air Bulletin” on display in County buildings.

Dorothy Mosley, manager of the County Rideshare Employee Transportation Coordinators (ETCs), has been the motivating force behind the public awareness effort to help the County maintain compliance with South Coast Air Quality Management District rideshare program requirements. She leads the Civic Center rideshare program, supports ETCs in the annual employee

commute survey, helps them prepare and implement rideshare plans.

The North County resident started out as the office manager for the Antelope Valley tele-business center. When the facility closed and she moved to the Civic Center, Dorothy practiced what she preached. She rode the Metrolink from the High Desert into downtown.

“I enjoy my job and I really believe that everyone can contribute to clean air,” she said recently.

After giving more than 35 years of dedicated service to the County, Ms. Mosley has decided to embark on a new journey in life. She has announced her retirement, effective March, 2006.

“Although she is a hard act to follow, we are happy for Dorothy because now she is able to pursue her second love, sculpting,” said Victoria P. Lane, supervisor. “She competed against professional artists earlier this year and won second place in the Antelope Valley contest,” she said.

Her devotion to department ETCs is legendary, and it is a mutual admiration society. “Two reassuring words — wonderful and excellent—are always

used by her. She is positive and I can count on her help with my ETC responsibilities,” said Denise Gordon, who handles the King/Drew Medical Center.

“I thank her for being a great listener and supporter,” she said.

“The County’s rideshare program will greatly miss the guidance that Dorothy has provided,” said Craig Hirakawa, County Transportation Program manager.

“She is one of a kind,” said Bobbie Nix, ETC manager for the Department of Children and Family Services. “Over the years she has become an icon for County ridesharing.”

“Dorothy was the instigator and gentle force behind the Compton Court’s success with its Rule 2202 compliance,” said Gary Baucum, ETC for the Alternate Public Defender. “She was gracious, helpful and sincere. And her smile is infectious.”

The ETC network and her fellow CAO workers extend a “clean air retirement” greeting to Dorothy with best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement.

Composting at Pitchess Center Recognized

Mayor Michael D. Antonovich recognized the County Sheriff’s Department for its innovative composting technology.

“Emission-free composting at the Pitchess Detention Center in Castaic allows the facility to process food waste generated by staff and inmates,” said the Mayor. “It eliminates the need to

transport organic waste materials to area landfills.”

The Sheriff’s Department becomes the first Southern California public agency to utilize innovative composting technology. As a result the department’s clean air efforts “will remove polluting, diesel-belching trucks from the highways,” said Mayor Antonovich.

County Team Raises \$10,165 for AIDS Walk

The County of Los Angeles raised \$10,165 for AIDS Walk Los Angeles during the annual October fundraiser.

“We (County employees) recognize that the fight against HIV/AIDS needs our support,” said Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen. “There was an L.A. County Teens group which gave \$137 dollars.”

Office of the Assessor raised \$2,201, followed by Consumer Affairs at \$1,450, Team LACERA with \$1,391 and Public Defender donating \$1,020. Agricultural Weights and Measures, Departments of Health Services, Children and Family Services, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Regional Planning and the Community Development Commission also contributed to the fundraiser.

The 2005 AIDS Walk Los Angeles raised \$3.2 million dollars to support local organizations providing services to men, women and children.

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County of Los Angeles 2006 March of Dimes WalkAmerica with an “assist” from the **LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS!**

(Lets help the Clippers “March” to the Playoffs in April)

L.A. Clippers vs. Sacramento Kings

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 7:30 P.M. • STAPLES CENTER

Special Ticket Prices/Location: \$30 per seat, 300 level between baskets

Donation per ticket: \$8

Contact: Ana Gaona or Ruben Rivero @ (213) 974-2619

Q& P Commission Recognizes County's "Best & Brightest"

On October 26 last year more than 500 people attended the Quality and Productivity Commission's 19th annual awards program in the Grand Hall, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center.

KNBC-TV reporter-anchor Chuck Henry served as master of ceremony. The theme was "Celebrating Innovation: The County's Best & Brightest!"

The awards program recognizes County employees and departments for their achievements in improving quality and productivity, generating cost savings, implementing or improving processes, and establishing beneficial collaborations.

Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN), a project of the District Attorney's Office, received the top honor, the Gold Eagle award. The Alternate Public Defender Performance Counts—Workload Difficulty Index was recognized with the Silver Eagle and the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance walked away with the Bronze Eagle award. The County's Volunteer Program received the Mega-Million Dollar award.

Award winners received the honors at the gala luncheon and during a presentation at the weekly Board of

Supervisors meeting in November.

James Hazlett of Department of Coroner co-chairs the Q&P Managers Network. Beverly Yates of Children and Family Services and Richard Yaussi, Public Works, co-chaired the awards program.

A complete list of award winners and programs is listed on the commission's website <http://qpc.co.la.ca.us>.



The Alternate Public Defender's Office received the Q&P Commission's Silver Eagle award for its Performance Counts—Workload Difficulty Index, an automated system that was developed to measure attorney productivity. Accepting the honor from Supervisor Gloria Molina, third from right, CAO David Janssen, right, and Commission Chair Jaclyn Tilley Hill, left, at a Board of Supervisors meeting last year are APD Janice Fukai and staff members, including Robert Meneses, alternate productivity manager.



District Attorney Steve Cooley, third from left, Mia Baker, DA Productivity Manager, second from left, and staff proudly accept the Q&P Commission's coveted Gold Eagle award for the Juvenile Offender Intervention Network from Supervisor Gloria Molina, second from right, CAO David Janssen and Commission Chair Jaclyn Tilley Hill. JOIN targets first time offenders for intervention as an alternative to juvenile court or formal prosecution.



Supervisor Gloria Molina and Q&P Chair Jaclyn Tilley Hill present the Mega-Million Platinum Eagle award to CAO David Janssen, right, for the County's Volunteer Program. Also participating are, from left, Craig Hirakawa, CAO alternative productivity manager, Patricia Mannatt, program manager, and Victoria Pipkin-Lane, CAO Productivity Manager.

County of Los Angeles 2006 March of Dimes WalkAmerica Working Together - Walking Together "Beanbags for Babies"



Boxed Flower Bears, \$5.00 ea.



Fluffy Love Dogs, \$5.00 ea.



Straw Basket
Easter Hangers, \$5.00 ea.



Easter Dress-up Bears, \$5.00 ea.

Contact Your Department

2006 March of Dimes WalkAmerica Coordinator or the Office of Workplace Programs

Room B-1, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Public Health Corner

Public Transportation Reduces Air Pollution

(Editor's Note: The Public Health Corner is a new feature of the Workplace Connection that will run several times a year and focus on reducing air pollution. It is provided by officials with various County Public Health programs.)

Air pollution has become a major public health concern in Los Angeles, which was ranked the worst metropolitan area for levels of ozone, smog and particulate matter, according to the American Lung Association's 2005 of the State of the Air report.

Exposure to air pollution has long been linked to an increase in asthma attacks. Studies have shown that air pollution can damage the lung growth in all children, not just children with asthma.

To effectively reduce the level of air pollution and promote the health of children and families, changes need to occur at several levels, including the workplace. The Department of Health Services' Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Programs (MCAH) is promoting alternate forms of transportation and ridesharing among its staff.

"Public transportation, carpooling, vanpooling, telecommuting, walking and biking are encouraged," said officials. "When people rideshare, there is a domino effect—fewer cars on the road, decrease in air pollution and fewer negative health effects."

Last year MCAH launched a "Go Public" campaign to get employees out of their cars and into exploring alternative modes of transportation for getting to work, a meeting or lunch. The unit also held a "Go Public Day" and exceeded its goal of 50 percent employee participation as more than 60 percent of MCAH workers pledged to rideshare.

For more information on ridesharing, please call **1-800-commute**.



LA COUNTY EMPLOYEE NIGHTS

With the Los Angeles Kings at STAPLES Center

Tue, March 14th, 2006 at 7:30pm— Kings vs. Phoenix
Thu, March 16th, 2006 at 7:30pm – Kings vs. Dallas

*Special Discounts for LA County Employees, Family, and Friends. Order a group of **10 or more** and each ticket will include a **FREE KINGS HAT!***



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\$26	Upper level sidelines (reg. \$30.50)
\$21	Upper level ends (reg. \$30.50)

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information or to
order tickets, call
Matt Huff at
(213) 742-7578**



KINGS RULE!

Calendar of Events

County Employee Nights With L.A. Kings

March 14 and 16, 7:30 p.m.
Staples Center

County Day at Dodger Stadium

Sunday, April 23, 1:00 p.m.

March of Dimes

WalkAmerica 2006
Griffith Park, Sat., April 29, 2006
County Team photo: 7:30 a.m.



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